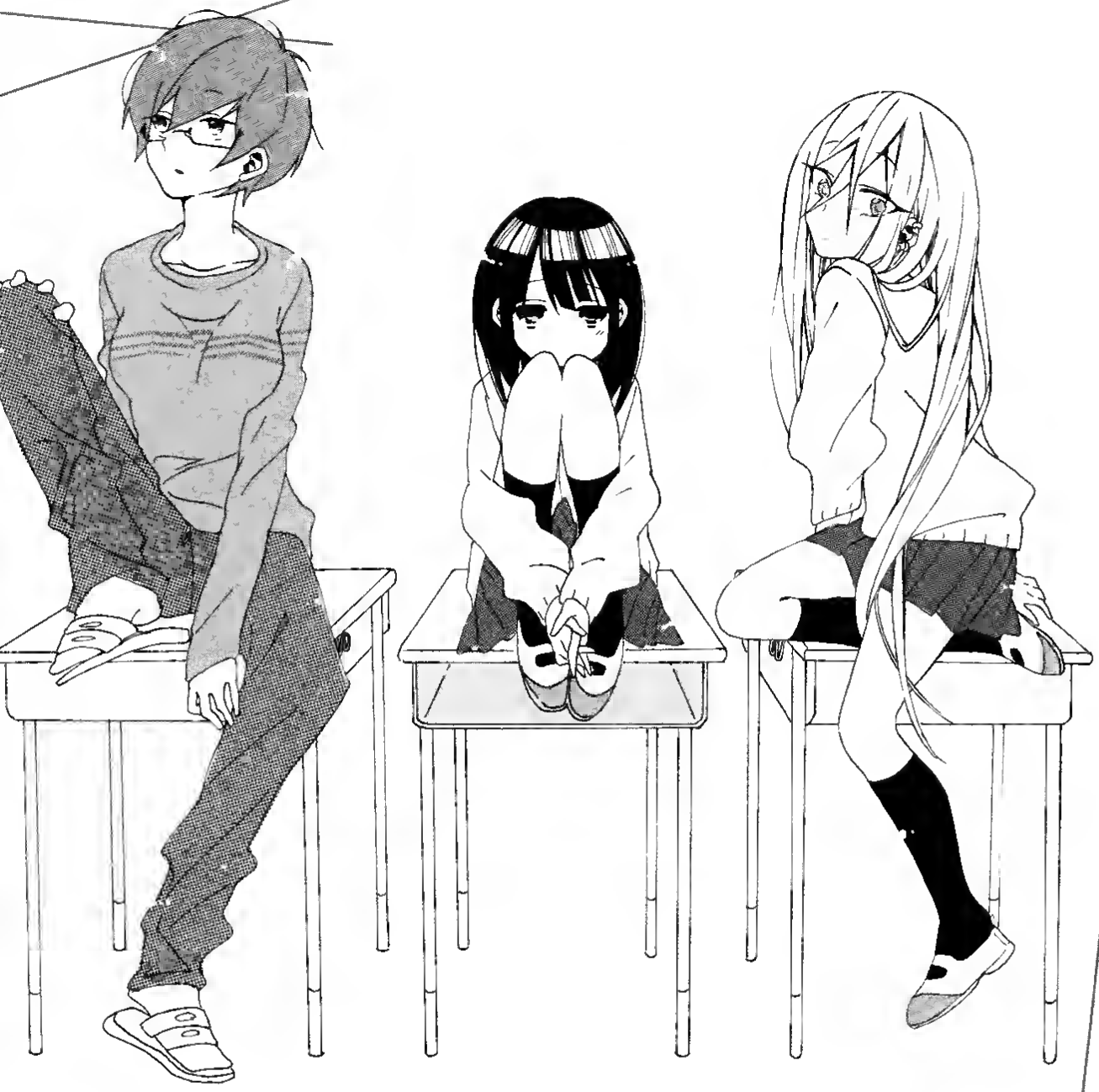


CHAPTER II

So I...
CLACK
CLACK
Started going out with Ebisawa-sensei...
Even though they're both girls...
Wow...
CLACK

THEY CAN JUST START DATING, JUST LIKE THAT...
Inui, quit being annoying.
clattering
Meanie!
That hurt!
Man, I'm hungry~
It's lunch-time!
Lunch!
Hoo-yoopsie-daisy
ahaha
But you are kinda annoying.
In every sense of the word.
Every sense!?
haha
How does someone move annoyingly!?
Well, like- your voice, the noises you make, the way you move...
Let's blast off!
Why don't we all go to karaoke today?
That's right.
Oh!
Ah, sorry-

chew
...
How booooring~
sorry.
I've got club today, so no way can I go.
Eeh...
Club~?
daa~
da-dum~
HII-CHAN STARTED DOING CLUB ACTIVITIES.
I'll head home, I guess...
I don't hear Hii-chan
horn, and a clarinet... Ah, a trumpet?
da-dum~

You again?
Look in front of you while you walk, yeah?
crash
rattle
S-
Huh?
I had hall patrol duty today. I'm headed there now.
S- sensei, what about music club?
Cutting board
So soft
whip
Anyway, if you don't have a reason to be here, head home.
rattle
...
this person is Hi-chan's-
...
boing
...Oi.

You looked too much.
You have to pay.
Pay!?
It was a joke, dummy.
!!!
wham!
rattle
hmph
shut
You're so easy to read, Karasuma.
WHAT?
BLUSH
Ah-
N-no.. that's not-
Be careful on your way home, yeah?

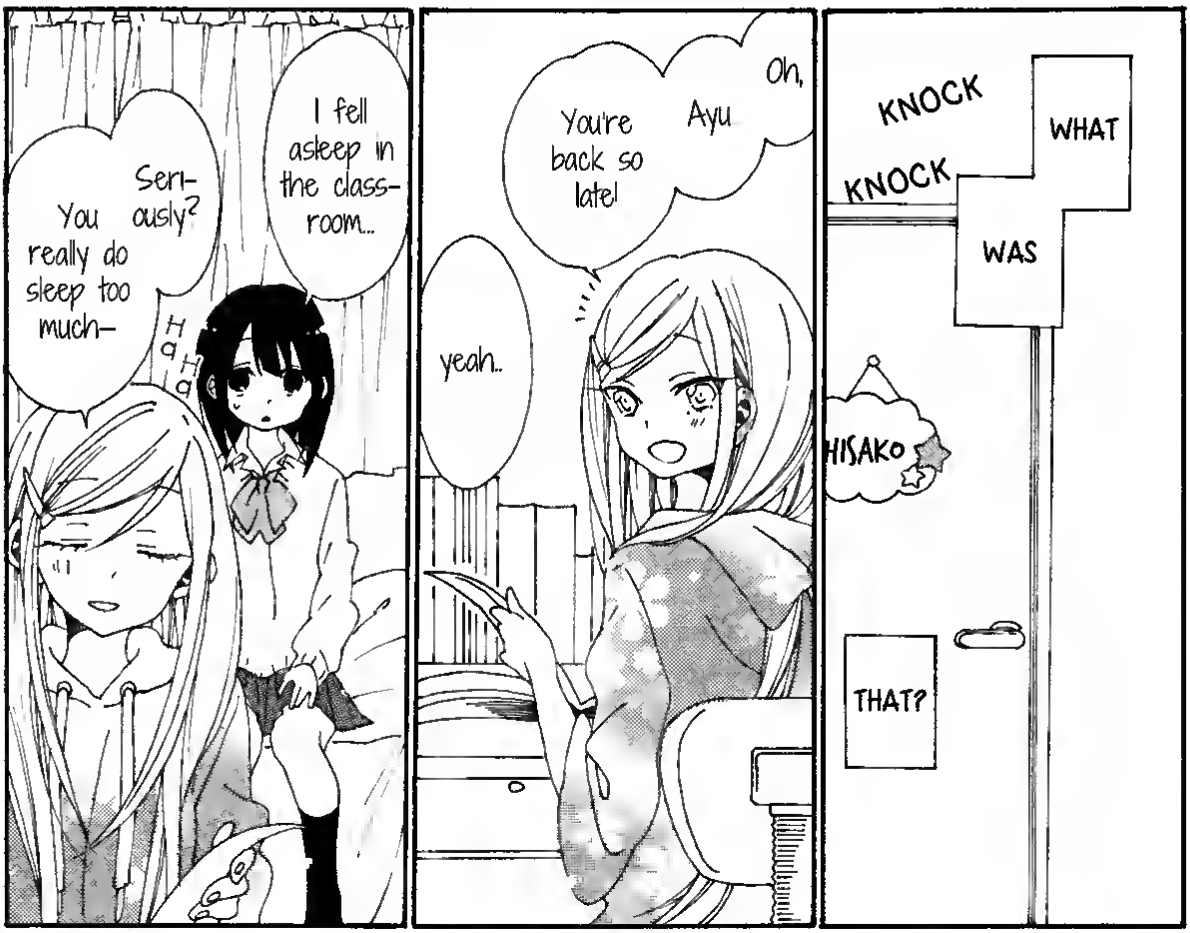
I started going out with Ebisawa-sensei.
WHAT I FOUND OUT
You're so easy to read.
WHAT'S BEEN ON MY MIND
SHE COULD TELL.
...rgh..
I'm homeee~ A-yu♥
Hug
W-welcome back.
Hi-chan, you'll be eating here, right?
Yes!♥
Thank you very much!
So, today
whisper
sensei drove me around in her car! It was so cool!♥

squeeze
..is that so..
HII-CHAN IS
ALWAYS GOING OUT ON THE WEEKENDS
AND GOING TO THE MUSIC ROOM DURING THE WEEK.
I'm heading to the music club—
See ya.
yawn
Yeah, good luck—
crap!
I have to help out the softball club starting today!!
Oh!!
Sorry, Karasuma-chan!
I gotta go, too,
see ya!
dash
dash
silence

I'M THE ONE LEFT ON MY OWN
tsk...
NO!
TWITCH
..nn..
1 of 1
19:20
Hyeegh!
Hn.?

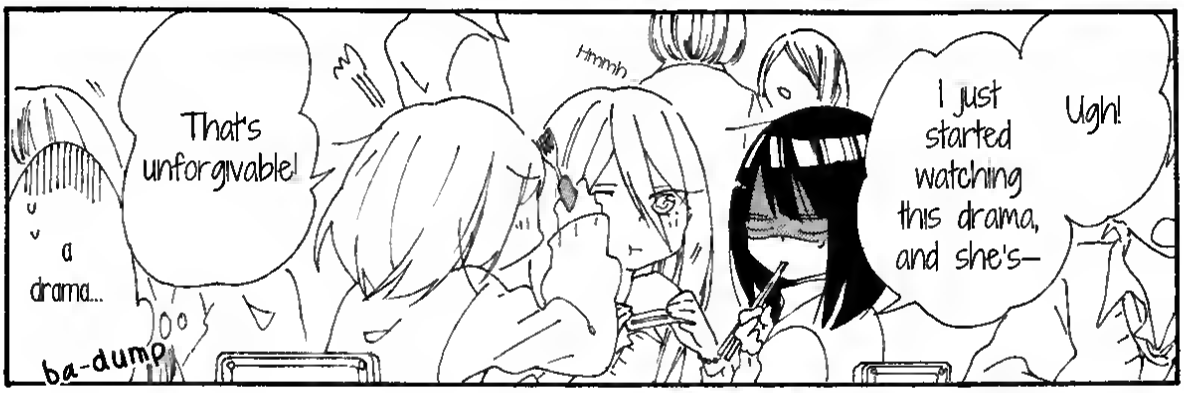
I've gotta hurry home
VROOOM
TAP TAP
I fell asleep at school, why did nobody wake me up!?
It's so dark!! Scary!!
RUNNING
A car?

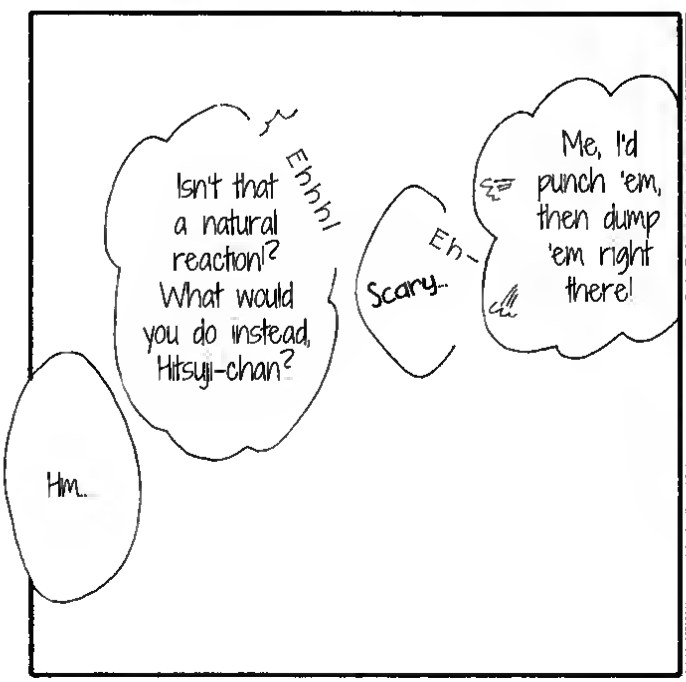
...wh-

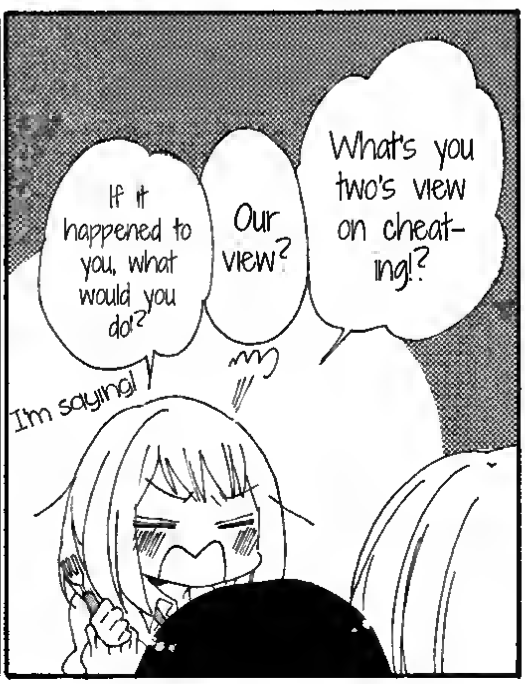

I fell asleep in the class-room...
Seri-ously? You really do sleep too much-
Ha Ha
Oh, Ayu
You're back so late!
yeah..
KNOCK KNOCK
WHAT WAS
HISAKO
THAT?

BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
Hey, are things going well with sensei lately?
H-huh!?
STIFFEN
Asking that so sudden-ly...
N-no... no reason, I just-
BUT IF
HII-CHAN AND SENSEI CONTINUE ON
Uhm...
LIKE THIS...
THAT'S...
ROLL
Yeah
She's really nice, and we talk about lots of things, so...
yeah, it's going really well.

It's cheating.
Cheating!!
THAT KIND OF THING IS—


That's unforgivable!
Hmmh
I just started watching this drama, and she's—
Ugh!
a drama...
ba-dump


Me, I'd punch 'em, then dump 'em right there!
Eh-
Scary...
Ehhh!
Isn't that a natural reaction? What would you do instead, Hitsuji-chan?
Hm...


What's you two's view on cheating!?
Our view?
If it happened to you, what would you do?
I'm saying!

What would I do.
If they still paid attention to me, even a little, that'd be enough.
or I probably wouldn't be able to say anything
Even if they really were two-timing
I guess... but I couldn't say for sure.
Eeeh~ Hitsuji-chan,
you need to be greedier!
You're way too kind!
GRIP
What the heck
SHE'S SAYING IT'S FINE IF SENSEI ACTUALLY PREFERS GUYS, AND IS JUST PLAYING AROUND WITH HER?
OR...
DOES SHE REALLY NOT KNOW?

It's you.
Oh~
Should we go somewhere else?
Your face says you just have to say something.
So?

I guess this is about Hitsuji, right?
Look, I get your feeling of wanting to meddle, but...
man, it's dusty
It's not like it has anything to do with you.
FLASH
WHY?
I-... it does!
Because... I know.

Last Friday, I...
saw you kiss that man,
in your car...
THAT'S...
CLENCH
TO SAY THAT IS...
I don't know if Hi-chan knows that, but...
UNFAIR.

You can't say you're going out with someone
but play around so irresponsibly!
sigh
WHISPER
What, that?
What do you mean, "What, that"?
And any-way,
isn't the one who's playing around with her...
tap
really you?
Wh...
'Cause, I mean...

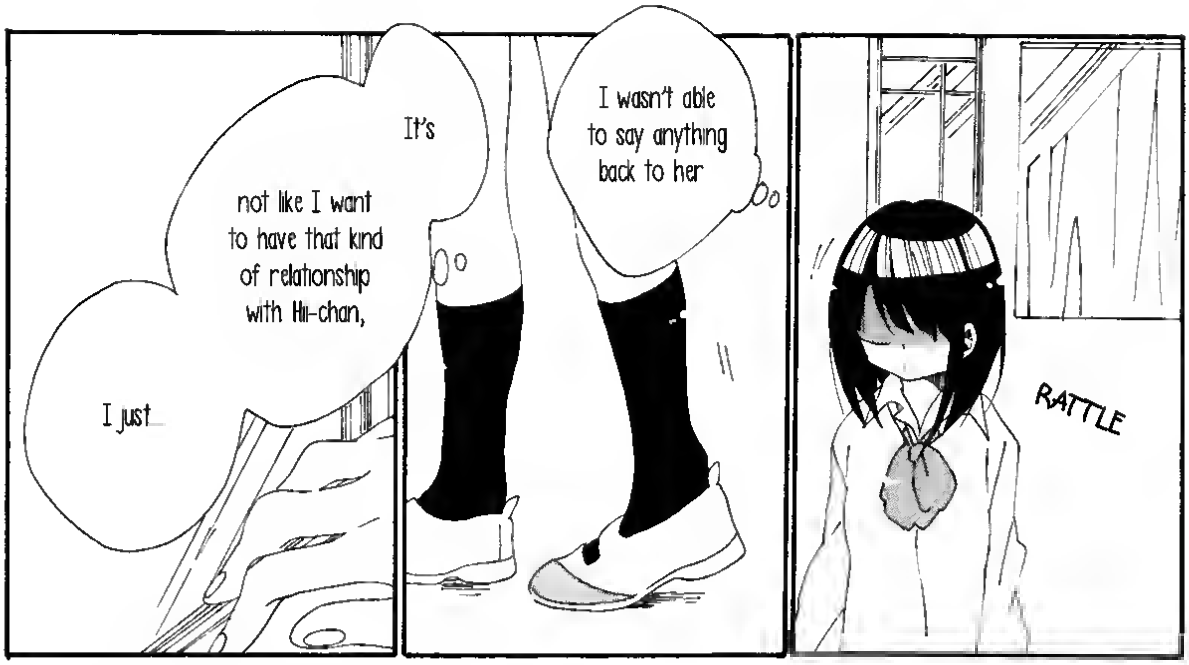
she was in love with you, right?
FLINCH
And most likely...
actually almost beyond a doubt...
RATTLE
In that way.
Hitsuji likes girls.
And you still think you have the right to stick your nose in this?
TMP
STEP
Despite that,
you acted like you didn't notice, and called it "friendship."

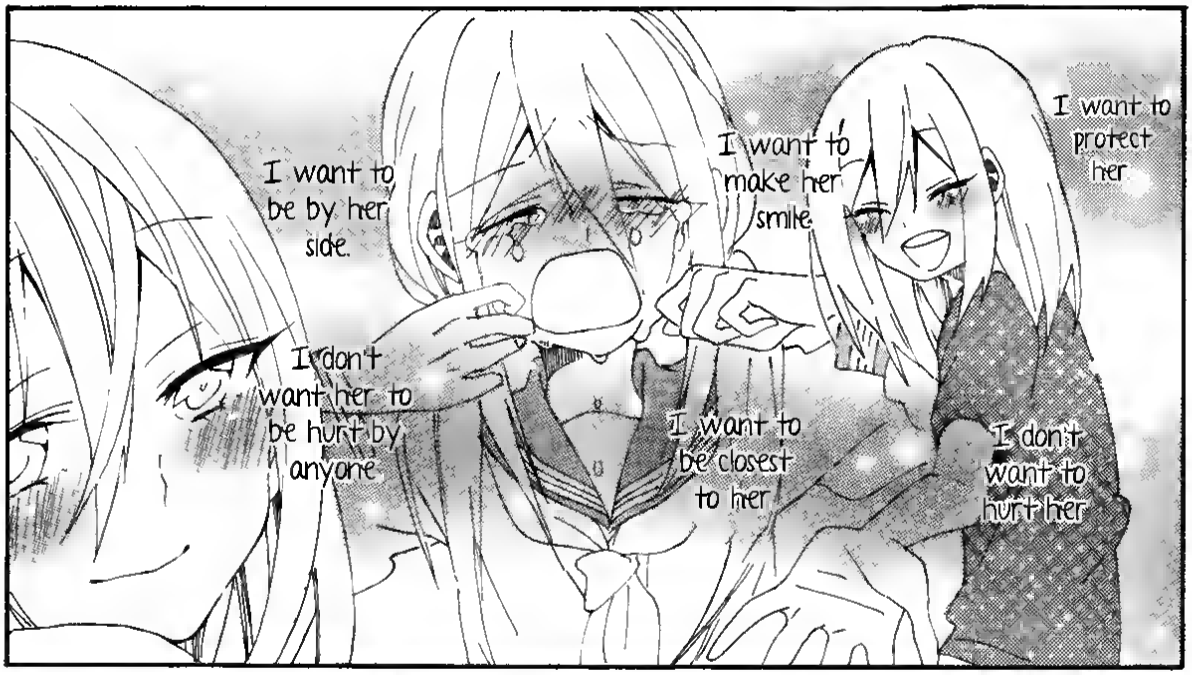
Do...
you
like girls, sensei?
haa
It doesn't
Ebi-chan
matter.

I've never decided whether I like or hate someone based on gender.
People that get wrapped up in stuff like that...
both-ered by stuff like that...
and then let that influence their own feelings...
I hate them.

Anyway,
slide
I was only with that guy the other day
because my parents are trying to play matchmaker for me.
Well, it is true that I kissed him,
so you want to say something to Hitsuji, you're free, but...
If you plan to say something, you're going to have to be able to face her first.

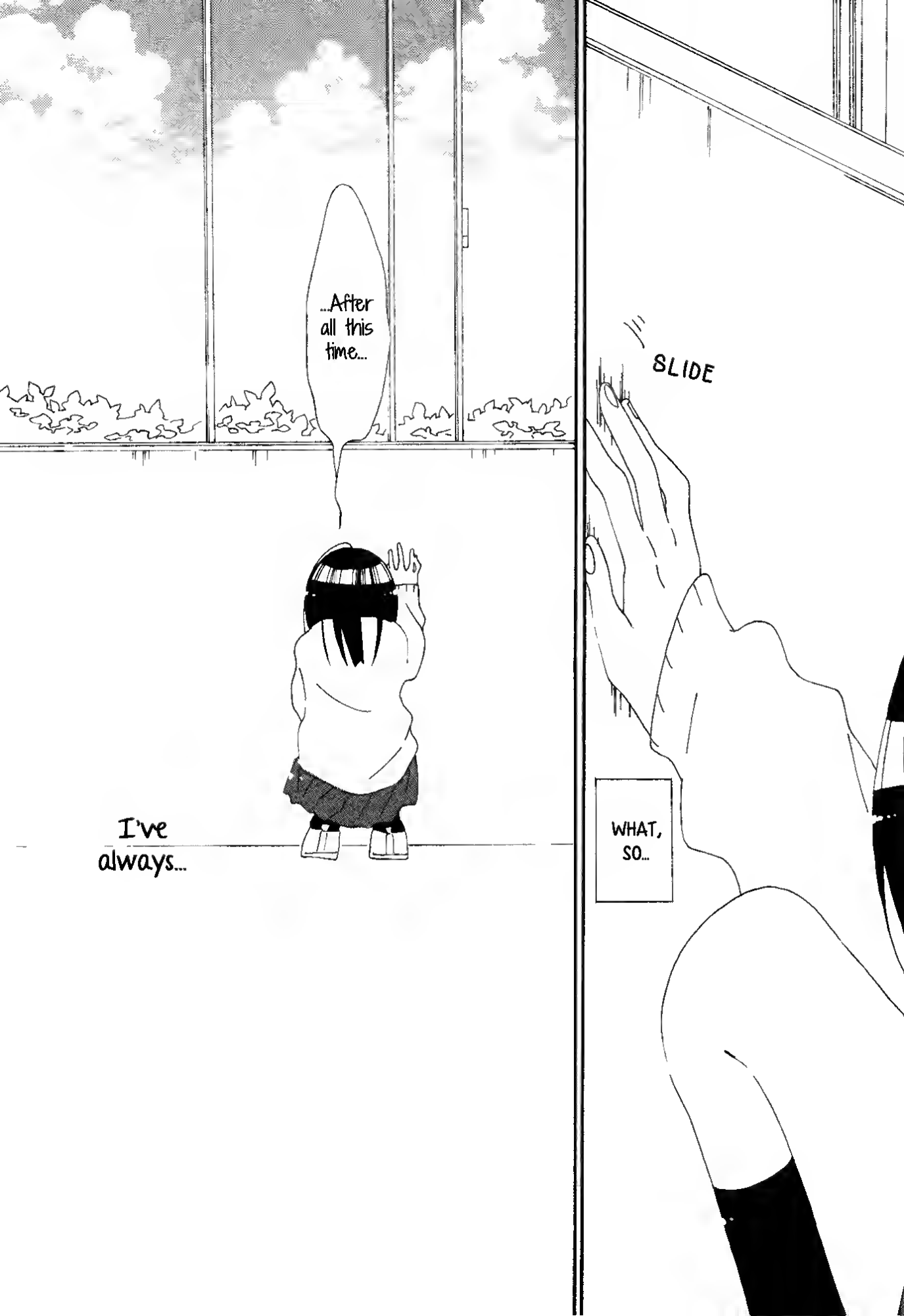
CHK
She's my girlfriend now.
Stop using your convenience as an excuse to hurt her.


It's not like I want to have that kind of relationship with Hi-chan,
I just...
I wasn't able to say anything back to her
RATTLE


I want to be by her side.
I want to make her smile.
I want to protect her.
I don't want her to be hurt by anyone.
I want to be closest to her.
I don't want to hurt her.

I DON'T
WANT

TO GIVE HER TO ANYBODY ELSE.
AH...


...After all this time...
I've always...
SLIDE
WHAT, SO...

Hm?
Oh-
squeak
PULL
Ayu!?
What are you you doing here?
You startled me
Jeez,
you can't just sit and wait in a place like this.
Let's go home.
?
Oh...
?
?
SINK
...I was waiting for you.

Hii-chan
Weren't you scared?
Hii-chan
You could've emailed me...
Hii-chan
Alone in a place like that
seri-ously...
Hii-chan
Hm?
SURPRISE
hey!
Ayu-
...

THIS IS BAD,
I'M NERV-OUS.
shaking
Is... it okay if we hold hands?
I get... scared when it's dark out, so...
BA-DUMP
IT WAS NEVER LIKE THIS BEFORE.
Guess it can't be helped~
...Eh?
SQUEEZE
HEH

Since you're such a wuss, Ayu~
I'll walk you to your door!
...I like you
YOU IDIOT... IDIOT...

Will you be okay from here?
Or do you need an escort to your room?~
hehe
Kidding!
Okay, we made it~
Hm?
I... I'll be fine...
Okaaay.
haha
Well, I'll see you, then!
ba-dump
ba-dump
Um...
Hii-chan—
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I-I...
WELL—
RIGHT NOW
WHAT AM I
SHE'S MY
GIRLFRIEND NOW.
And anyway, isn't the one who's playing around with her... really you?
And you still think you have the right to stick your nose in this?
Stop using your convenience as an excuse to hurt her

IT'S TAKEN SO LONG
IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE, BUT
Am I
Not good enough for you?
THESE ARE MY TRUE FEELINGS.

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